

FOR SOUND MONEY.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National League.

THE FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE.

Aid Provided for Disseminators in Certain Sections.

REPORTS FROM MANY STATES.

Disclosing the Situation in the Country.

Missionary Work Necessary in Nebraska and Arkansas Especially--Ex-Secretary Morton Says Bryan has United All the Fanatics, Bigots and Idiots for the Purpose of Upholding the Free Coinage of Silver--Committee Issues an Address to the Country--"International Bimetallism as a World Possibility is Dead."

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--The semi-annual meeting of the executive committee of the National Sound Money League was begun here to-day. There were present President George E. Leighton, St. Louis; General Secretary E. V. Smalley, Henry Willard, Gustav H. Schwab, J. Kennedy Tod, H. P. Robinson, Edwin Burritt Smith, J. K. Cowen, M. E. Ingalls, J. W. Norwood, W. C. Cornwall and Treasurer A. B. Hepburn.

General Secretary Smalley, in his report of the work of the league, said that there was lodged to its credit in a bank of Chicago, a balance of \$1,000 over and above all expenditures.

Treasurer Hepburn reported that the total amount in bank up to the present to the credit of the league was \$10,363. A donation of \$500 to the Indianapolis monetary league was granted without dissent.

General Secretary Smalley read a communication received from M. C. George, vice president for Oregon, who wrote that he was with the league in all the great questions relating to the currency and realizes the necessity for aggressive work.

On motion of Mr. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, it was voted to appropriate \$1,000 to Mr. George in Oregon.

J. K. Cowen, of Baltimore, reported that things were satisfactory in his territory.

J. Sterling Morton, vice president of the league for Nebraska, wrote: "Mr. Bryan and his disciples are actively engaged in propagation of money fallacies. They have united in one conglomerate all the fanatics, bigots and idiots in this state for the purpose of upholding the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1. It is very painful to observe that this aggregation may quite possibly make a majority of 20,000 at the coming election for candidates who represent all that is inimical and disastrous to agriculture and in fact to sound government everywhere."

Judge W. M. Reese, vice president of the league for Arkansas, wrote: "There is no change in this state. There is an overwhelming majority for free silver and Bryanism in every congressional district."

Charles E. Libby, president of the league for Maine, wrote: "So far as Maine is concerned, I don't think that the silver question will be an issue in the congressional campaign next year."

M. E. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, said: "The result of the recent campaign shows conclusively that the south will again drift back to the Democracy and free silver. Continuing, he said that 'the great danger now is in a tendency to drift into a new banking business law, which to the country will be fraught with danger.'"

On motion of H. P. Robinson, of Chicago, it was resolved that a committee be appointed to receive and consider the report of the monetary commission when it is made and to call a meeting of the executive committee if it is considered necessary that action be taken thereon.

A committee, comprising Louis R. Ehrlich, Mr. Leighton, Secretary Smalley, Gustav H. Schwab and William C. Cornwall, was appointed to prepare a declaration on international bimetallism to the effect that bimetallism is dead and that gold should be the standard of the country. A recess was then taken.

Before re-assembling, the members of the committee stated that President McKinley had stated his intention of recommending in his next message to Congress the advisability of separating the issue department of the treasury from the regular government expense accounts. In other words, it will be proposed to hold the gold reserve as a redemption fund for greenbacks, to make the gold and greenbacks interchangeable. It was said that President McKinley had spoken freely on Monday with a prominent official of the national sound money league on this question.

When the committee resumed its session Louis R. Ehrlich, of Colorado Springs, as chairman of one of the sub-committees, read the following address: "The executive committee of the national sound money league, in behalf of its members throughout the United States issues the following address: "International bimetallism as a world possibility is dead. Let us recognize this. The international bimetallism commission, appointed under the St. Louis pledge of the Republican party, have made strenuous efforts on behalf of this policy. Those efforts have proved futile. The commercial necessities of the world have demonstrated that a dual standard is commercially unacceptable and in the present stage of civilization, impossible."

"The hour has come, it seems to us, when a national recognition of this fact is necessary. The situation demands a definite, clear, unequivocal declaration that international bimetallism is a dream of the past. The United of the 'world fact' and plant themselves finally on the single gold standard."

"The proclamation of this monetary position will quicken our commerce, increase foreign investment, and make permanent and prosperous conditions which have begun to manifest themselves in our country."

"We invite the friends of sound money and all who would contribute to the well being and safety of our commercial life to join in bringing about the unmistakable declaration that now and

henceforth the monetary system of the United States shall rest on the single gold standard."

The next meeting of the league will be held in Washington during January, 1898.

Railway Construction.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9.--General Wade Hampton, who has just been succeeded by General Longstreet as commissioner of railroads, has submitted to the interior department his report for the past fiscal year. He says that the year marked the low water mark of railway construction. During the year thirty-four companies with 5,441 miles of road passed into the hands of the courts and fifty-eight others previously placed in receivership were sold at foreclosure. A steady improvement in railroad earnings during the first six months of the current year is noted, an improvement particularly apparent in the bond-aided Pacific railroads. The outlook in the west generally for the present year is reported as very encouraging.

Will Increase the Cash Balance.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.--The Union Pacific reorganization committee has arranged with the treasury department for the transfer to them of the bonds in the sinking fund and the cash payment therefor, on the 22nd of the present month. These bonds, which were purchased at their face value by the committee at the time of the sale of the road, amount to \$13,645,250, and the amount in cash which will be covered in the treasury will increase the available cash balance to approximately \$218,500,000. The available balance in the treasury today exclusive of gold was \$50,901,861.

Crack at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.--A crack appeared at the white house early to-day and demanded to see President McKinley. He said the President had not treated him right. He tried to go up stairs by the elevator, but was taken in charge by the officers. He broke away from them and tried to hide behind the conservatory and was then taken to the police station. At police headquarters the man said he was Henry Rookett, of 1241 Fourth street, New York. There is no such name and address in the city directory.

Postmasters and Pensioners.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.--Pension certificates have been issued to West Virginia applicants as follows: Re-issues and increases--Francis M. Cleek, Jackson.

Increase--Robert Junkins, Wheeling. Widows--Charinda McPherson, Cuda; Sarah Adams, Bartley; Elizabeth Cuda, Halleck; Bridget Bradley, Parkersburg; Barbara Mathews, Anthon.

Other certificates issued are: William V. R. Creeley, original pension, Steubenville, Ohio; Jesse Waters, original pension, Zanesville, Ohio; minor of Henry G. Lewis, Zanesville, Ohio.

West Virginia postmasters of the fourth class have been appointed as follows: M. L. Scott, Booneville, Marion county; Joseph C. Hays, Friendly, Tyler county.

WEST VIRGINIA MASONS.

Meeting of Grand Lodge--Charleston Temple Dedicated--Grand Chapter Selects Officers.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 9.--The grand lodge of Masons of West Virginia, met here this evening, with Grand Master B. D. Gibson, of Charlestown, presiding. The annual reports of the officers were submitted and the usual committees appointed, after which the grand lodge adjourned till to-morrow.

Following the adjournment of the grand lodge the Masonic Temple was dedicated. Addresses were delivered by prominent Masons, after which the representatives were rendered a banquet.

The Grand Chapter elected officers as follows: John C. Rheldaffer, of Wheeling, G. H. P.; Fred N. Leibert, of Wheeling, Grand King; Walling W. Van Whie, of Parkersburg, Grand Scribe; Hugh Sterling, of Wheeling, Grand Treasurer; Odell S. Long, of Charleston, Grand Secretary; Rev. Robert Douglas Roller, of Charleston, Grand Chaplain; Joseph Hale, of Charleston, Grand Lecturer; Henry E. Thomas, of Wheeling, G. C. of H.; John M. McConhlay, of Bluefield, G. P. S.; Cyrus S. McKensie, of Charleston, G. R. A. C.; Calbert C. H. Hanley, of Alderson, G. M. Third V.; E. M. Showalter, of Gratton, G. M. Second V.; Thomas Carnahan, Jr., of Wheeling, G. M. First V.; Turner G. Swatts, of Clarksburg, Grand Marshal; Timothy W. Bliss, of Wheeling, Grand Tyler.

DEATH OF A HERO.

Passing Away of Admiral Rhind Recalls a Famous War Episode.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--Rear Admiral Alexander Cadden Rhind, U. S. N., is dead, at his home in this city, aged seventy-six. He had been confined to his bed for five weeks.

It was at the attack of Fort Fisher that he won his greatest renown. Assisted by Lieutenant Preston and a volunteer crew from his own ship, he commanded the Louisiana, which loaded with 115 tons of gunpowder and bombs set to explode by clock work, was towed close to the fort. The officers and men were taken off by the steamer Wilderness. The powder boat blew up as expected, but did little injury to the fort. This operation was suggested by General Benjamin F. Butler, and Admiral Porter, who detailed the officers, in his report said:

"Commander Rhind and Lieutenant Preston engaged in the most perilous adventure that was perhaps ever undertaken. As an incentive to others I beg leave to recommend them for promotion. None in the squadron considered that their lives would be saved, and Commander Rhind and Lieutenant Preston had made an arrangement to sacrifice themselves in case the vessel was boarded, a thing likely to happen."

Will Stick to "Rob."

MARION, Ind., Nov. 9.--The Marion Lodge of Elks sometime ago admitted Robert Fitzsimmons as a member. The action being an alleged violation of the rules of the order, the Marion lodge was lately expelled Fitzsimmons. The lodge to-day decided to stand by its obligation and refuse to act until the matter is finally decided by the Supreme Ruler of the order, H. B. Detmore, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Result of a Family Quarrel.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 9.--Charles Gelbarth, a clearmaker of No. 3927 Lawrence street, this city, this afternoon shot and fatally wounded his father-in-law, Frederick Fritz, and his son, Frederick Fritz, Jr., and then shot himself in the head. It is thought that all three will die. The shooting was the result of a family quarrel.

ILLINOIS MINERS

Are Excited over the Reported Importation of Chinese.

A REMONSTRANCE PREPARED

Which will be Placed Before Governor Tanner by the United Mine Workers, and if he Should Fail to Act the Matter Will be Laid Before President McKinley--Miners in the Southern Part of Illinois do not Take the Matter Seriously, Claiming that it is a Bluff on the Part of the Operators.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 9.--A remonstrance against allowing Chinese coal miners to be imported into the state for the purpose of mining coal at Wilmington, and other towns in place of the striking miners, will be placed before Governor Tanner, in the name of the United Mine Workers of Illinois.

The governor will also be asked to co-operate with the state secretary of the Miners' Federation in keeping out the coolie labor.

State Secretary W. D. Ryan, of the Miners' Federation, states that if the Chinese are imported and set to work in the northern coal fields bloodshed will surely result and a riot be instigated over the importation. The action of the operators, Mr. Ryan holds, if the Chinese are imported and set to work, will incite the strikers to open rebellion and warfare will result. If Governor Tanner refuses to interfere, Secretary Ryan says, the matter will be carried to President McKinley.

SPRING VALLEY, Ill., Nov. 9.--The news that Chinamen are to be imported into the mines at Carbon hill is not considered very seriously at this place. Men stood around the corners to-day in knots discussing this latest phase of the strike situation in northern Illinois. But the coolies did not interest them as much as the reported settlement at Braceville, where it is stated the miners have accepted the operators' offer. The men in this part of the district are indignant at the action of the Braceville men in accepting the settlement below the scale. The Spring Valley men claim to have the strike won, and the leaders say that no matter if Braceville does return to work at a non-union scale the Spring Valley men will hold out until next May if necessary, for the scale formulated at Springfield, Ladd, Seatonville, Lassalle and Peru are equally firm.

The labor leaders here scoff at the idea of the "Coolie" movement being a success. They say it is only a bluff. Said one prominent leader to-day:

"What if they do succeed in working one obscure mine with Chinamen? We do not necessarily break the strike. We are not going to let two hundred Chinese at Carbon hill make the price of coal digging for 2,000 white miners of northern Illinois. The very fact that the northern Illinois operators are importing cheap 'Coolie' labor is an indication that the white miners are poorly paid and evidence of the justice of their cause."

A committee of miners from this point of the district will probably be sent to Braceville for the purpose of inducing the men of that place to re-consider their late action. A delegate convention of the northern Illinois miners will be held at Streator to-morrow and an effort will also be made to get the Braceville men to rescind the vote by which they decided to go to work below the scale.

A report is current here that a settlement has been effected at Wenona under the terms of the Springfield scale. John Mitchell, the district organizer, left last night for the seat of the trouble at Braceville and Carbon hill.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 9.--The council held with Governor Mount with reference to the importing of Kentucky miners into Davies and Pike counties, Ind., to take the place of striking miners of Cabell and Kaufman coal operators, has come to a satisfactory ending. One hundred of the striking miners. It is said, will go to work immediately and others will follow. The labor commissioners went to Davies county to-day for the purpose of bringing about a better understanding between employees and employers.

GULDENSTUPE MURDER.

The Trial of Thora Progressing Rapidly. Twenty Witnesses Examined Yesterday--Mrs. Naeck Confesses.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--The trial of Martin Thora for the alleged murder of Wm. Guldensuppe began in earnest this morning. Yesterday the jury was secured and at 10 o'clock this morning District Attorney Wm. J. Youngs began his address. Thora, clean shaven and well groomed, sat with unmoved countenance as the prosecuting attorney outlined his case. When he had concluded the taking of testimony began.

Twenty witnesses were summoned for examination to-day and the district attorney took them one by one just as the finding of the different portions of the body opened up to the public the fact that a terrible crime had been committed. Four of the witnesses were the boys who, while swimming in the East river, had found the upper portion of the severed trunk, and then followed the policemen who were called to the scene of the finding, and they in turn were followed by witnesses who testified to the bringing of that part of the body to the morgue.

Mrs. Naeck Has Confessed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--The Herald to-morrow will say: "Emanuel Friend, counsel for Mrs. Augusta Naeck, was at the Harlem opera house last night. It was noticed when he came into the lobby that he appeared nervous and excited. His extreme nervousness caused some comment and he remarked that he had just come from a long interview with his client, Mrs. Naeck. He sat half the play through and on going out said:

"Mrs. Naeck has confessed. That is all I can say. She has confessed and will go on the stand to-morrow against Thora. I cannot talk about the matter any further. I have made a solemn promise of secrecy. There is no use trying to see me later--there is no use trying to see any one else. Even Mr. Howe does not know. The few others who do know are pledged to secrecy as I am. I shall go home, disconnect my telephone and refuse to see any one or answer any questions. Mrs. Naeck has made a full confession--that's all I can say."

B. & O. August Business.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 9.--Receivers Cowen and Murray, of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, to-day filed in the United States circuit court their

report for the month of August, showing total receipts of \$3,627,354.95 and total disbursements of \$3,133,101.08, leaving a balance August 31 of \$494,253.10.

DEATH OF DR. GILLESPIE

A Prominent Citizen of Tyler County. Underwent a Surgical Operation in a New York Hospital--A Distinguished Soldier and Uncompromising Republican.

SPECIAL Dispatch to the Intelligencer. SISTERSVILLE, Nov. 9.--A telegram was received in this city this morning to the effect that Dr. W. H. Gillespie, who has been in New York for a short time undergoing an operation in one of the hospitals there, had died last evening at 7 o'clock. The news of the death of Dr. Gillespie was quite a shock to the large number of people in this city who are acquainted with him, as it has been but a short time since he was attending to his regular duties here, and for awhile this morning there was a disposition to think that some mistake had been made in the telegram, but the news has since been confirmed.

Dr. Gillespie has been a familiar figure in this city for a number of years and has been prominently identified with the city and county in a number of ways. He was an uncompromising Republican and worked hard for the party he espoused at all times. He was born in Fredericksburg, Va., on the Rappahannock, October 8, 1840. He received a part of his education at the Harrisonburg Male Academy, Rockingham county, Va., and in January, 1862, graduated at the head of his class in mathematics and engineering at the Virginia Military Institute, under Stonewall Jackson.

At first acting as cadet drill master, he was offered in a letter from Gen. Stonewall Jackson a position as lieutenant of engineers on his staff, but about that time his father, Dr. James L. Gillespie, residing near Luray, Page county, Va., was arrested by the confederates on the charge of being a Union man. His father escaped and joined the Union army as assistant surgeon, First regiment West Virginia infantry, and Dr. W. H. Gillespie, being the only son, followed suit, escaping from the confederacy, and served as first lieutenant Eighth West Virginia infantry, and afterwards as adjutant Fourteenth West Virginia infantry. His father, Dr. James L. Gillespie, was appointed, late in the war, surgeon of the Seventh regiment, Hancock's veterans, and served in 1865 under Maj. Gen. Carroll as surgeon-in-chief of the Third brigade of that division.

After the war father and son settled in Sistersville, and they have been prominently identified with the city and county in many ways since then. Dr. Gillespie made quite a nice fortune since the oil excitement struck Tyler county and during the past few years he has done nothing. The remains will be shipped here from New York at once and the funeral will probably take place the latter part of the week.

TRIED TO KILL HIS WIFE.

But When He Turned the Revolver on Himself Made a Good Job of It.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--After making a desperate effort to murder his wife in their apartments on West Forty-sixth street, to-night, John Fallhee, twenty-one years old, committed suicide. Mrs. Fallhee, a handsome brunette of eighteen years, engaged a suite of rooms three weeks ago. The next day the rooms were luxuriantly furnished and the young couple formally installed themselves. The neighbors say they had frequent quarrels. Mrs. Fallhee was ironing to-night when her husband came home without his overcoat. The young wife asked what had become of the garment, and Fallhee growled at her and said it was none of her business. When she persisted in demanding an explanation he whipped out a thirty-eight calibre revolver. "I pawned my coat," he said, "and now I'll pawn you."

She grabbed the ironing board and backed into the corner. Two bullets passed through the board. They missed Mrs. Fallhee who threw the board aside and rushed at her husband. As she did so the excited man placed the muzzle of the revolver against his right temple and fired. He died instantly.

Went by the Gas Route.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--Ernest Sherland, twenty-five years of age, an Englishman, committed suicide this afternoon in his room on Fifth avenue, by turning on the gas. He left a letter addressed to W. Bernard, an actor now playing in this city. Bernard said that dependency caused by family troubles, and lack of funds had probably prompted the suicide. He said that he met Sherland in New Orleans about two years ago.

Killed His Brother.

GODERICH, Ont., Nov. 9.--Fred and Harvey Elliott, brothers, hotel keepers of Varna, near Bayfield, quarrelled last night and during the struggle which ensued Fred shot Harvey, killing him instantly.

SPAIN'S ANSWER

To Woodford's Note Pacific--Evidence of Friendly Feeling.

MADRID, Nov. 9.--In response to a cable message from a non-official American source, Senor Sagasta, the premier, has sent the following cable declaration through Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington:

"So far from seeking a pretext to declare war against the United States, Spain would regard it as a great misfortune to be given the occasion for such an unhappy resolution. Animated as she is by the most amicable sentiments toward the great republic, Spain hopes of America that the latter will do its utmost to fortify sentiments of friendship for the sake and welfare of both countries, while at the same time respecting the rights of Spain."

Spain's Answer Pacific.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9.--The full text of Spain's reply to the Woodford note was read at the cabinet meeting to-day. It is one very pacific, and instead of being at all warlike was regarded by the cabinet as very satisfactory and as calculated to allay any fear of a hostile outbreak.

Commissioner Butterworth's Condition.

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 9.--There has been no change for the better in the condition of Commissioner of Patents Butterworth since this afternoon. He seems to be holding his own, however, and that gives some encouragement to his family and friends.

Parance Employees to Get a Raise.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Nov. 9.--The employees at the Andrew Bros. company's blast furnace have been given notice of a ten per cent. advance in wages to go into effect December 1. It is understood that other blast furnaces will soon advance the wages of their employees.

THE BIG FUNCTION

Given by the Lord Mayor of London Last Evening.

ITS BRILLIANCY IS MARRED

By the Tokens of Mourning for the Late Duchess of Teck--Reception Tendered Foreign Diplomats of a Very Tame Character--The Feature of the Occasion Was the Speech of the Marquis of Salisbury--The African Entanglements Spoken of with Some Spirit--A Warning to France--The Eastern Question and the "Concert of the Powers."

LONDON, Nov. 9.--The brilliancy of the gathering at the Lord Mayor's banquet at the Guild hall this evening, was somewhat marred by the tokens of mourning for the late Duchess of Teck. A majority of the ladies present wore gowns of black or dark gray.

The entrance of the Marquis of Salisbury, prime minister, and Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, was the signal for loud applause, but the reception tendered to the foreign diplomats was of the tamest character as compared with the enthusiasm which last year greeted the then ambassador of the United States, Thomas F. Bayard.

After the usual loyal and formal toasts, the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, responded for "The Army."

The Marquis of Salisbury was greeted with several minutes of continuous cheering. He began by deploring the engineers dispute, which, he said, "involves the future prosperity or disaster of the country," but added that he was glad to say there was "a reversion prospect that the board of trades intervention would prove successful."

His lordship read a telegram from the queen, asking him to express how deeply her majesty felt the marvelous display of loyalty to the crown and to her person at the diamond jubilee festivities. After referring to the conduct of the troops on the Indian frontier in terms similar to those used by the Marquis of Lansdowne, and warmly praising the conduct of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition in the Sudan campaign, the premier came to the leading passage in his speech, introducing the tangled question of the Niger and the conflicting claims and interests of Great Britain and France in that portion of West Africa. He said:

"It might not achieve the general conciliatory process desired if I entered frankly into all the negotiations between the powers respecting Africa. We are all aware of the great extent of territory cast loose during the last twenty years in Africa and put up as the object of acquisition for several enterprising governors. The negotiations that are proceeding will possibly continue a long time. We desire that the territory to be governed on strict principles of right, and with a constant regard to its prosperity and to the interests of the empire. We do not desire unjust and illegitimate achievements, and we do not wish to take territory simply because it would look well to paint red on the maps."

"Our objects are strictly business. We wish to extend commerce, trade, industry and civilization; to throw open as many markets as possible to bring together as many consumers and producers as possible, and to open the great natural highways and waterways of the continent. We wish trade to pursue an unchecked course on the Niger, the Nile and the Zambesi, and in doing these things, while we wish to behave in a neighborly manner and to show due consideration for the feelings and claims of others, we are obliged to say that there is a limit to the exercise of this particular set of feelings and we cannot allow our plain rights to be over-ruled." (Prolonged cheering.)

His lordship then passed to speak of the situation in the east. He said the history of the past year was that the European concert had failed to prevent Greece from going to war, but had succeeded in preserving the peace of Europe. It was, he submitted, a great and praiseworthy achievement for the concert to avert that calamity. He continued:

"Had the concert exerted all its force to prevent Greece from going to war, the responsibility might have rested upon it of erasing Greece from the map."

With reference to the Cretan question, his lordship observed that this was still unsettled, but added: "The concert of Europe is like a steam roller, with great power, but little speed."

In concluding his speech, Lord Salisbury said: "One hope we have of preventing the competition of armaments among European powers ending in a terrible effort for mutual destruction, fatal to civilization, is that the powers may gradually be brought to act together in a friendly spirit as to all questions that may arise until at last they shall be welded in some international construction which will give the world, as the result of their great strength, a long spell of unfettered commerce, prosperous trade and continual peace."

Yellow Fever Situation.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 9.--Yellow fever continues on the decrease as to-day's record indicates and the board of public health is elated over the prospects of an early termination of the scare which has so badly crippled commerce. The business situation continues to brighten. The new cases reported today number six and four deaths.

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 9.--The report for today show six new cases. The list of recoveries is large, as it has been for the past three days. There were but three deaths. The report from Whistler is that there are sixteen new cases there.

Charged With Appropriating Funds.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--Former state Senator William Caldwell was arrested to-day and released in \$10,000 bail, on the charge of appropriating funds of an estate for which he is trustee. The complaint is made by Mrs. Mary J. Westfield and her sister, Flora E. Rogers, daughters of the late Jason Rogers, the millionaire locomotive builder of Paterson, N. J., who accuses Mr. Caldwell and their brother, Thomas Rogers, trustees of the will, of appropriating to their own use funds of the estate. Jason Rogers died in 1883, leaving an estate supposed to be worth over \$2,000,000.

COMING CONFERENCE

On Bering Sea Matters--The Meeting of British, Canadian and American Representatives will Take a Broad Scope.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.--General Foster and Sir Julian Pauncefote conferred to-day as to the arrangements for the meeting of the British, Canadian and American representatives relative to Bering Sea. A general understanding was reached that the arrival to-day of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier and party, would permit the meeting to open on Thursday, as to-morrow is likely to be given to an exchange of views between the Canadians and British.

The British ambassador will accompany the premier to the white house to-morrow morning and introduce him to the President. This will be a call of courtesy, however, and it is not expected that any of the pending questions will be referred to. The British embassy has extended an invitation to Sir Wilfrid to be a guest during his stay here, but he has determined to remain with the other Canadian representatives at the Shoreham, where quarters have been engaged.

It is now definitely settled that the coming meeting will take a much broader scope than was anticipated. At the outset there will be a comparison of notes between the seal experts, Mr. Hamlin for the United States; Professor Thompson for Great Britain; and Professor Macoun for Canada. The Canadian premier and Sir Louis Davies, Sir Julian Pauncefote and General Foster will be present in an unofficial capacity ready to take up the larger phases of the question when the seal experts have concluded their exchange of technical information. It is said that the relations existing between Great Britain and Canada make it essential that all questions of an imperial character should be concluded by the direct representatives of the imperial government. At the same time the presence of the Canadian premier is expected to assist in reaching speedy conclusions without the usual delays of acting through the British foreign office. The formal execution of these conclusions would devolve entirely on the imperial authorities in London and their representative here, the British ambassador.

It is said at the state department to-day that the first object would be to reach a settlement on the Bering sea question and with that out of the way there would be every disposition to favorable conference on border immigration, Canadian-American interests in the Klondike, reciprocity, and the other questions which Sir Wilfrid and his associates regard as paramount to the Bering sea issue.

SOUTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

Exiled His Rival--Trouble Expected in United States of Colombia.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--President Iglesias, of Costa Rica, has taken another step to secure his re-election. He has exiled his predecessor, former President Mora, according to a statement made by Dr. J. H. Feuss, of Bogota del Toro, United States of Colombia, who arrived here to-day on the Atlas liner, Altal, from Port Limon.

In speaking of the condition of affairs in the United States of Colombia where a presidential election is to be held on December 6, Dr. Feuss said: "They are expecting trouble there. An ominous feeling prevails, though so far there has been no peace. The candidate of the conservative party is Reyes and Caro is the liberal candidate. There is a standing army of 14,000 men in Colombia, very well equipped. The government is holding the army in readiness in case a revolution is attempted."

Sensational Poisoning Case.

DIXON, Cal., Nov. 9.--The Solano county officials are investigating a mysterious poisoning case which has already resulted in the death of two persons and threatens the life of a third. The victims are Louis Belew, aged forty, the proprietor of a livery stable, and his sister Susan, aged thirty. Their hired man, Bruno Kline, is in a critical condition. All three were taken suddenly ill after drinking water yesterday from a well in the rear of the cottage in which they reside on Main street, and despite medical assistance, Louis Belew died at noon and his sister some five hours later. Miss Belew was to be married to F. H. Mann and her brother to Miss Clara Ferguson, on Thursday next. The whole affair is shrouded in mystery.

Murder and Attempted Suicide.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.--Charles Schlegel, murdered his wife, Caroline, in their home in East Seventy-seventh street, to-day, by shooting her behind the left ear. Death was almost instantaneous. Schlegel then tried to kill himself with a shoemaker's knife, hacking his left arm and causing a severe wound. He was placed under arrest before he could accomplish his purpose. Schlegel's sixteen-year-old son Charles was held as a witness. He said that he found \$18 in his pocket when he dressed and believes it was put there by his father with a view of throwing suspicion on him.

Daughters of the Confederacy.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 9.--The annual convention of the United States Daughters of the Confederacy will begin in Baltimore to-morrow and will probably be in session three days. The sessions will be held at Lehman's hall, and will be presided over by the president, Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia.

The association was formed three years ago and now has 140 chapters in all of the southern and some in the northern states.

Wales' Birthday.

LONDON, Nov. 9.--The birthday of the prince of Wales was celebrated to-day with the usual flag hoisting, bell ringing and artillery salutes. He was born November 9, 1841.

Movements of Steamships.